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UNITED STATES WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL IN GREAT EUROPEAN WAR

PRESIDENT WILSON NAMES NEUTRALITY PACT—AMERICANS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENLISTING WITH OR HELPING THE WARRING NATIONS IN ANY WAY.

Washington, D. C., August 4, 1914.—President Wilson has proclaimed neutrality in the European war. He has warned all American citizens and foreigners, residents of the United States against violating the neutrality laws.

Citizens of the United States abroad were given notice that any misconduct on their part would be at their own peril.

The proclamation of neutrality in the main is as follows:

A state of war exists between Austria-Hungary and Serbia and between Germany and Russia and Germany and France.

The declaration places all Americans engaged in business in the territories and dominions of each of the belligerents under an impartial neutrality.

Under the penal code of 1909, the following acts are forbidden to be done under severe penalty:

- 1—Accepting and exercising a commission to serve either of the said belligerents by land or by sea against the other belligerent;
- 2—Enlisting or entering into the service of either of the said belligerents as a soldier, or as a marine or seaman on board of any vessel of war under letter of marque, or privateer;
- 3—Hiring or retaining another person to enlist or enter himself in the service of either of the said belligerents as a soldier, or as a marine or seaman on board of any vessel of war, letter of marque, or privateer;
- 4—Hiring another person to go beyond the limits or jurisdiction of the United States with intent to be enlisted as aforesaid;
- 5—Hiring another person to go beyond the limits of the United States with intent to be entered into service as aforesaid;
- 6—Retaining another person to go beyond the limits of the United States with intent to be enlisted as aforesaid;
- 7—Retaining another person to go beyond the limits of the United States with intent to be entered into service

as aforesaid;
10—Increasing or augmenting, or procuring to be increased or augmented or knowingly being concerned in increasing or augmenting the force of any ship of war, cruiser or other armed vessel, which at the time of her arrival within the United States was a ship of war, cruiser or armed vessel in the service of said belligerents, or belonging to their subjects, by adding to the number of guns of such vessels, or by changing those on board of her for guns of a larger caliber, or by the addition thereto of any equipment solely applicable to war.

11—Beginning or setting on foot or providing or preparing the means for any military expeditions or enterprise to be carried on from territory or jurisdiction of the United States against the territories or domains of either of the said belligerents.

The neutrality declaration outlines the attitude of this government toward the warring nations, their ships of war and the actions of their merchant vessels. The coal supplies are also governed. No ship belonging to any of the belligerents will be permitted to take anything on board in any American port but provisions, or in any within the jurisdiction of the United States. The President enjoins all American citizens to remain at peace with the belligerents. All citizens of the United States, who misconduct themselves in the premises of the belligerents, will do so at their own peril.

New York, Aug. 4.—The German liner Vaterland, the world's biggest ship, carrying coal even in her staterooms and carrying 10,000 reservists, sailed tonight to meet three German cruisers outside the harbor, who will fit her with big guns.

The Vaterland is built as the world's fastest cruiser.

Germany's first war appropriation calls for \$1,250,000,000. Belgium has voted \$40,000,000.

FARMERS URGED TO TRY THIS FORMULA ON WHEAT

Vitrol and Lime Solution For The Prevention of Smut is Strongly Recommended By Successful User.

The following method of treating wheat, is a government receipt that has been successfully used by some of our farmers in this county to prevent smut, and it is recommended by them as being the best method yet found for this troublesome malady.

Your seed wheat should be thoroughly cleaned first; then use 1 lb. of vitrol to four bushels of wheat, soaking the wheat in the solution from five to ten minutes; mix the lime solution by slacking 1 pound of best quick lime for each ten gallons of water, being careful not to burn or drown the lime in the slacking; as soon as the grain quits running from the vitrol solution it can then be put right through the lime solution, remaining in this only long enough to be thoroughly wet, then taken out and dried.

Vitrol and lime mixed forms what is known as the Bordeaux mixture. This forms a yellowish coating over the kernels preventing them from becoming inoculated with the smut spores, should they come in contact with it.

In using this receipt, be careful to follow directions closely with reference to the amount of lime used; too strong lime solution will kill the wheat. On the other hand, you can use your vitrol solution stronger as the lime counteracts the eating effect of the vitrol on the wheat. It is important, always, to get the best results, to have the lime used in the proportions as given here. Any method used to successfully vitrol the wheat can be used with this receipt.

If followed closely the above treatment is said to be the best that has been discovered to prevent smut. It has been used for the past six years by one of our best Eight Mile farmers and he states that he has not had a bit of smut on his place since he has been using this method of treating his wheat.

Walter Robison suffered a runaway with his team attached to the combine on Wednesday afternoon. They did not get far but succeeded in doing quite a little damage to the machine before being stopped.

U. S. IN EXCELLENT FINANCIAL CONDITION

Big Sum Ready For Crops.—Secretary McAdoo Gives out Formal Statement, Reassuring Business Interests.

Washington, Aug. 4.—After two days of conference with bankers from many sections and a careful investigation of conditions throughout the country, Secretary McAdoo in formal statement tonight declared the situation to be excellent and announced that there will be sufficient currency to move the crops and meet all the demands of business.

The Secretary's statement said: "The passage by unanimous vote of the House and Senate this afternoon of the amendment to the Federal reserve act, whereby the Secretary of the Treasury is vested with power to issue additional National bank currency in such amount exceeding even \$500,000,000, as, in his judgment, may be necessary to protect the business situation in this country, puts at rest any question as to the ability of the banks to take care of the situation."

"There need be no fear whatever of insufficient currency to move the crops and to meet the demands of business. The bill as amended authorizes the Secretary in his discretion to permit National banks to have outstanding a maximum of circulation notes equivalent to 125 per cent of their unimpaired capital and surplus. This provision will enable banks which have no outstanding circulation to obtain a larger amount of additional circulation. Applications have been received from a number of National currency associations throughout the country for additional currency, and these applications are being responded to promptly. Already \$100,000,000 of currency has been shipped to the sub-treasuries in New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Boston and Philadelphia, that the needs of the banks may be promptly supplied. In many cases banks have applied for additional currency merely as a precautionary measure."

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GREAT BRITAIN DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY—ALL EUROPE IS IN ARMS

FORMAL DECLARATION MADE BETWEEN THE TWO POWERS ALMOST AT THE SAME TIME—KAISER'S ATTITUDE TOWARD BELGIUM IS CAUSE FOR BREAK—ENGLAND MAKES BIG APPROPRIATION.

Great Britain has declared war against Germany. Sir William Goschen, English Ambassador to Germany has given his passports. War was declared by England Tuesday evening after a stormy session, even before the time limit of the ultimatum sent to Germany had expired. The British war office has issued the following statement:

"Owing to the summary rejection by the German government of the request made by His Britannic Majesty's government that the neutrality of Belgium should be respected, his majesty's government has declared to the German government that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Germany from 11 o'clock P. M., August 4."

All Europe is now in arms. On the one hand Austria-Hungary and Germany are opposed by Russia, France and Great Britain, Serbia and Montenegro.

Italy has declared her neutrality, but is mobilizing. Belgium, Holland and Switzerland have mobilized.

The German demand that the Belgium government shall permit free passage of troops through Belgium was answered by hasty preparation to resist such advance across Belgium territory.

Japan To Keep Alliance.

Sweden has made no answer to inquiries from Russia and Germany regarding her attitude, but is preparing to defend her neutrality.

Japan is making ready to live up to her alliance with Great Britain in case of certain eventualities. Spain is reported to be preparing a neutrality proclamation.

Minor skirmishes between the Germans and Belgians have been taking place the last two days on the border line of Belgium. On one or two occasions the Germans have lost heavily, but they are placing their troops in Belgium by the thousands, and it is thought that they will attempt to strike a decisive blow to France early in the campaign, preparatory to meeting Great Britain.

Turkey is taking precaution, and forces of the Ottoman Empire are being mobilized.

Washington, D. C.,—Diplomatic dispatches indicate that Sweden will join Great Britain, France and Russia if she finds herself unable to remain neutral.

It is reported that six war vessels belonging to the German, French and English are in the vicinity of Sandy Hook on the New York coast.

As a result of Canada's falling off in revenue, and her utter impossibility to borrow money in England at the present time, it is expected that the government will bring in a measure imposing a special war tax.

Late dispatch from Harwich states that the German fleet is surrounded by the British fleet in the harbor of Kell and an open encounter is expected momentarily. Kell is a chief seaport on the north German coast.

Germany has sent an ultimatum to Italy with a mid-night time limit demanding that the latter join her in her trouble. It is asserted that Italy will join with Russia, France and Great Britain. Austria-Hungary is opposed to Germany's attitude toward Italy and may forget the Triple Alliance.

London—Lord Kitchner has been placed at the head of Great Britain's army and will direct operations.

Has Located Two More Families.

D. E. Gilman, who is as busy as a general in the German army these days, located two more families in this section this week, and he says the end is not yet. One of these families, that of Mr. J. O. Lentz, of Portland, has purchased a farm northeast of Lexington. He has a family of seven children and expects to move to Lexington in a couple of weeks where he has rented a residence for his family to live in until such time as the farm is in shape to receive them. The other party, Mr. Allen Miller, of Centralia, Wash., has purchased a ranch on Cottonwood, Grant county, and expects to take up his residence there inside of about three weeks. These people looked over a good portion of our county and are well pleased with the outlook here.

FIRE DESTROYES LIVERY STABLE AT HERMISTON

Heppner Boy Has Narrow Escape, Is Seriously Injured—\$3000 Loss

The East Oregonian of Saturday evening, has the following concerning a fire in Hermiston on Friday night, last:

A midnight fire last night at Hermiston destroyed the Pioneer Livery Stable of that place, Glese and Emry proprietors, together with nine horses, an automobile, seven buggies and hacks, all of the harness and between 300 and 400 tons of hay, according to information received in this city. The loss will run into the thousands of dollars but is partly covered by insurance.

The fire is supposed to have started from a grass fire caused by a spark from a passing east bound freight engine. So fiercely did the flames burn and so quickly spread that it was impossible to save but six of the fifteen horses in the barn at the time. One automobile was also taken out before it was damaged.

The proprietors carried \$1500 insurance on the rigs and harness but the barn was owned by a Kennewick man and the amount of his insurance has not been ascertained.

Alonzo Wright, who was asleep in

the barn loft, jumped and dislocated his left hip. Joe Kelsey was slightly burned in getting out of the livery office, while Walter Deasley, who was in the office at the time, escaped without injury. Conservative estimates placed the total loss at \$3000.

Should be Changed.

There is a finger board just south of town, near the Bisbee place, that should be changed. This board points the way to Lone Rock, and was evidently placed there by some one who did not know the right direction, and it leads strangers on to the wrong road. Of late a number of people who depended on this sign board, have been led to travel many miles out of their way and pull heavy loads over some of the worst hills we have getting out of Heppner and across Rhea creek, when in fact they should have been directed over the proper route. People acquainted with the roads, and who travel in and out of Heppner have no need to depend on these finger boards but the stranger going through the country has a right to be directed over the best route to the point which he desires to reach, and those having this matter in charge should see that this one is changed to mark the proper road from Heppner to Lone Rock.

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, who is suffering from a severe case of chronic kidney trouble is somewhat improved. For a time her condition was critical.

Later—Mrs. Wilson died at 5:00 o'clock this afternoon.

STUDENTS OF GERMANY HAVE BEEN CALLED OUT

University Students and Boy Scouts Respond to Call.

Dispatches from Berlin state that the mobilization in Germany is proceeding quickly and smoothly. Military trains are being sent away from the city only at night.

As the companies of recruits pass through the streets they are cheered enthusiastically by the populace on the sidewalks and in windows.

As an indication of the popular enthusiasm for war, 880,000 volunteers have joined the colors in addition to the soldiers called out by the military authorities.

The Boy Scout alliance has issued a call to the youth of the country, saying they must hasten to assist the fatherland in some capacity, either in the bicycle service or in the gathering of the crops.

The University authorities at Leipzig, Munich and other cities have called their students to the colors.

George Dykstra, who was in town today from his farm in the foothills, exhibited to us a sample of his wheat that evidenced the effect of the hot weather that struck it along about the first of July. It was badly shrunken and its growth stopped to such an extent that his crop was greatly shortened thereby. Mr. Dykstra reports that his neighbors did not suffer in the same proportion that he did as their grain was much farther along at the time of the hot weather.

FORMER HEPPNER PHYSICIAN NOW IN EUROPE

Dr. F. E. Boyden, Now of Pendleton, Unable to Return Home.

We clip the following from the Pendleton East Oregonian relating to Dr. Frank E. Boyden, former Heppner physician who is now in Europe:

While there is general regret felt locally that Europe has become involved in war, there is one local resident who has personal reason for lamenting. She is Mrs. Frank E. Boyden, wife of Dr. Boyden, Sr., and the reason for her feelings is the presence of her husband in Europe. There is a strong probability that his home-coming will be delayed because of the demoralization of the passenger lines by the war. Dr. Boyden has been in Europe several months attending clinics and taking post-graduate work. Only two days before Germany declared war against Russia he was in Freiburg to observe the method used at the "twilight sleep" hospital but got safely out of Germany before the war dogs were turned loose.

Go to the Heppner Bakery for your bread. 26 loaves for \$1.00.

Try our sundaes, the best in the city—the Palm.

Deputy McDuffee is Remembered.

Deputy Sheriff George McDuffee was this week remembered by a cash remittance from Lewiston, Idaho, to the amount of \$95. This was a portion of the \$125 purse that was taken up by Idaho people on the train at the time of the hold-up near Pendleton, in which George was the hero. The balance of the purse is being used in the purchase of a beautiful gold watch charm, which will be engraved on the back side with the name "George W. McDuffee" while on the face appears the following inscription: "Presented by passengers on O.-W. R. & N. train saved from train robbers near Pendleton, Oregon, July 2, 1914." This medal will be forwarded to Mr. McDuffee within a few days.

Condition is Slightly Improved.

In order to get in closer touch with the physician, J. J. Adkins was removed from his Rhea creek place to their home in town on last Friday morning. He stood the trip to town quite well for one in his weakened condition, and at this time it is a pleasure to state that he is slowly improving. A trained nurse arrived from The Dalles on Monday to take charge of him, and everything possible to bring about his recovery is being done. His family is now hopeful that he may be able to overcome his recent severe injuries, and the indications are favorable to this end.

CELEBRATE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AT ECHO

Umatilla County Pioneers Have Been Married Fifty Years.

Echo correspondent in Pendleton E. O.: Mr. and Mrs. David McCarty of Butter Creek celebrated their fiftieth anniversary at their home at 8 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, July 28. It was a very enjoyable affair. They were surrounded by their children and grand children and about 60 friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarty are highly respected and well known pioneers. Mr. McCarty was born in Ireland in 1832. In 1837 he came to America with his parents, who settled in Canada. In 1868 he came from Canada to Oregon and in 1868 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Jane Phillips, who was born in Polk county, Oregon in 1847.

In 1877 they came to Butter Creek near Echo, Umatilla county, Oregon where they have since resided.

They have six sons and one daughter, who are David H. McCarty, James A. McCarty, William McCarty and Otis McCarty, all of Echo; John C. McCarty of Enterprise, Ore., Albert McCarty of Reno, Nevada, and Mrs. J. A. McCarty of Glenwood, Wash.

Jack Hynd shipped several bales of hog wire down to his ranch near Cecil this morning.